

# ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION NEWS



P.O.Box 1419, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND 02840

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## SAVE THESE DATES NOW!

### PUBLIC TOURS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

July 16 to Labor Day & Weekends to Columbus Day

Open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM daily - guides are on site. Round trip fare on Jamestown-Newport Ferry is \$14/adult, \$8/child, plus \$1 landing fee at Rose Island. (No landing fee for RILF members or people with overnight reservations.) See ferry schedule.

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### NESTING SEASON REMINDER

April 1 to July 15

**D**uring this critical bird nesting time, public access to Rose Island is limited. Do not walk around the island on the beaches or land small boats, except at the Lighthouse landing. To limit disruption to the nesting birds, and for your own safety, please respect these dates!! Black-back gulls can be ferocious protectors of their turf, while Oystercatchers might not come back another year if they're disturbed.

Special accommodations can be made for school tours, group bird-watching tours and overnight guests. Reservations are required. Call 401-847-4242 for more information.



## LIGHTHOUSE ADOPTED



**D**uring the first few weeks of May, the Lighthouse was lovingly adopted by two groups: Some oldsters (Elderhostelers) and some youngsters (Richmond Cub Pack 1) who made an incredible difference in what you will see this summer when we open on July 16. Charlotte observed that the Lighthouse hadn't seen such a concentrated effort since it was adopted in 1992 by the crew of the USS Capodanno. It was truly amazing!

From May 3-8, sprucing up the Rose Island Lighthouse was the aim of 28 Elderhostelers ranging in age from 57 to 79 years young. Painting the interior rooms, doing repairs and making a new quilt were part of an Elderhostel Service program that was advertised last fall in the Boston-based, national and interna-



Proud stitchers with the finished Keeper's quilt top from left to right are Mercia Kalloch, Barbara Saul, Elizabeth Kolowrat, Elizabeth Bailey and Peggy Trei. A true labor of love!

tional organization's catalog. It called for experienced—or at least willing—painters, carpenters, masons, quilters and beach cleaners-uppers. It was filled almost immediately and had a waiting list.

We were reminded that when we started our keeper program, many people thought we were crazy (or at least eccentric) for thinking we could get people to pay us to do the Lighthouse chores! Yet, the Elderhostelers came from all over the country—from as close as New England and from as far away as California, Washington and North Pole, Alaska, to work on the Lighthouse—and they paid for the privilege. Everyone stayed in Exeter at the Canonicus Camp and Conference Center and were bussed to Newport each day. A quilting contingency stayed most days in Exeter where, unlike at the Lighthouse, there was sufficient electricity for sewing machines and a large, clean area to work on repairs to our two antique quilts. In addition, they did the patchwork for a beautiful, brand new quilt for the Keeper's bed. Quilting team leader Elizabeth Kolowrat hopes to finish the actual quilting before the end of June in her Pennsylvania studio! What dedication!



An avid outdoors person, Linda Cooper is agile enough to reach the hard spots.

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The purpose of the RILF (a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization) is to preserve the historic and environmental integrity of Rose Island, to maintain and operate its Lighthouse and to provide education and public access for all people.

To advance our goals, we operate the historic Lighthouse and its surrounding 1.5 acres as an environmental education center. To gain a fuller understanding of the keeper's resourceful, independent way of life and its relevance to us today, people can become the keepers for a day, an overnight or for a whole week, complete with chores. School and group tours can also be arranged. Among the many studies that can be integrated into a Lighthouse visit are history, preservation, ecology, geology, weather, resource conservation and recreation.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We happily welcome Arva Bunting and Jane Berriman to the Board of Directors. Both will serve on our Membership and Development Committee helping to attract new members and to organize our events and other fundraising activities. They fill the seats left vacant by Mary Lynn Rooke and Byron Sjoblom, who have promised to stay involved with our special events and projects, so we don't need to say goodbye to them, just a big "Thank-you" for their past efforts on behalf of the Foundation.

Arva and Jane come on board just in time for our summer-time fundraising events—a smorgasbord of activities that appeal to a wide range of interests. Each event provides a special opportunity for me to meet our members face to face and talk, so I hope to see you at least once at the Clambake, Annual Meeting, We Rows for Rose Regatta, or the Home Tour. Please introduce yourself to me if we have not met before. At the very least I would like to thank you personally for your support.

Saving the most exciting news for last: By the time you receive this newsletter we will have filed our grant application to the R.I. Department of Environmental Management for funding to acquire the balance of Rose Island! As we get closer to achieving our long-held dream of preserving ALL of Rose Island as open space, we need the support of our members more than ever. Your generosity and quick reply to the membership form at the end of this newsletter can make a big difference and is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you this summer. We'll have a lot to talk about!

Sincerely,

*Geraldine R. Pilkington*

Geraldine R. Pilkington, President

## Name That Tune

### (Piano Roll Dedications)

"You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" dedicated to Kandy Roberts by Ken Parker of Barrington, RI. (Ken also bought "Basin Street Blues" and "Memphis Blues" just to be nice to the Lighthouse.)

"By the Beautiful Sea" dedicated by our April Keepers, Sharon Whitman and Michael Kenney.

"Danny Boy" (Londonderry Air) dedicated by Gia Petraglia. You too can help us replace our worn out piano rolls by dedicating a favorite song in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of someone, something, or sometime. Believe it or not, the QRS company makes brand new rolls of all kinds of songs, including musicals and movies from *My Fair Lady* to the *Little Mermaid*, plus more traditional piano music from Strauss waltzes to Joplin rags. Call 847-4242 for details.



## THE KEEPER'S LIGHT LOG

The Rose Island light shone to mark the following special occasions:

- January 30 In celebration of the marriage of Kate & John Leary; given by Molly, Donald, and Kate Magee
- April 24 In loving memory of Kenneth Shaw Safe and Louise King Safe on their wedding anniversary; given by Edie Loeks
- May 15 In celebration of Wanton Chase's 89th Birthday. Wanton lived with his keeper-grandparents Charles and Christina Curtis at the Rose Island Lighthouse from 1910 to 1918.

**LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT?** Please consider lighting the light or giving a gift certificate for a night at the lighthouse.

## LIGHTHOUSE-BOUND

The Reynolds family of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Dillsboro, North Carolina had brought kayaks in March to do some exploring of the Bay. Little did they know what the New England weather had in store for them - the high winds and rain kept them Lighthouse-bound all week long. How did they amuse themselves? By writing this:

Hush, hush Sweet Charlotte  
Charlotte, don't you cry  
We used up all the power  
And the water has gone dry.

We heated up the house  
had turned on every light  
Left them brightly burning  
Until we said goodnight.

We flushed at every pee  
And two for every poo  
Every time we smiled  
And fondly thought of you.

Forgot to read the gauges  
Too cold for all that stuff  
One day of blustery winds  
Told us we'd had enough.

Geese were so abundant  
No use to check our shoes  
The fear of Charlotte's wrath  
Gone, like yesterday's news.

You think we are uncouth?  
We really think we're cool  
Had such great fun with Wiggins  
Swimming in the basement pool.

Hairs on your neck bristle,  
Seething to a furor?  
Just smile and think of Joe,  
His thoughts surely purer.

Now hush, hush Sweet Charlotte  
We know you have some humor  
And without your perseverance  
Rose Island would be just a rumor.



## Better than Neverland!!!

We had five members of the cast of *Peter Pan* as keepers for a night. They wrote: "A brief respite from Neverland.... As our journey as keepers draws to an end and we prepare to return to Neverland, we do so with the knowledge that there are places like Rose Island, not only geographically, but emotionally. We return happy of heart, peaceful of soul and lucky to have the experience. Thank you Charlotte and Wiggins. Thank you Rose Island. Thank you God." Photo above: K. Schmitt (who celebrated her 40th birthday), Danny Schmittler (12) Lorelei English, Drake (6) Adrianna (11) On Tour with *Cathy Rigby* is *Peter Pan*

# WHEN YOU WISH UPON A

Our wish list is remarkably short and our "Thank You" list is remarkably long because we have such wonderful members and friends! The few things we need for this summer are:

**Tennis Balls for Wiggins.** Our golden retriever will go after rocks, just as his brother Kelley did, and he's ruining his teeth! We need an endless supply of old balls to keep him occupied.



Games and puzzles to amuse our overnight guests and keepers in the evening. We've got Trivial Pursuit, now we're looking for other basics like chess, checkers, cards, Parcheesi, a cribbage board, Candy Land, Scrabble, and such.

**10' x 10' frame tent** for our displays at fairs and festivals.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO...

♥ Linda Carlisle for a fun local game TOUR OF NEWPORT

♥ Watercolorists **Susan A. Anderson** for hundreds of note cards of the lighthouse and local maritime scenes, plus a set of "seasonal" watercolors that you will be seeing in various forms in our gift shop.

♥ Also to **Art Nolan** for beautiful panoramic prints of his Lighthouse watercolor and to **Marcelle Casavant** for matting them. All are for sale in our gift shop.

♥ **Capt. Roger Gilman** for a telescope, Newport History books, 78 rpm records, old Sears & Roebuck Catalogue, playing cards in a wooden box, and a hand-made Longitude and Latitude sign for the Lighthouse that Roger created.

♥ **Capt. Kent Willever**, JAGL, USN (Ret.) for a whole Navy wardrobe that we will adapt for Keeper's uniforms for our education program at the Lighthouse.

♥ **Sarah Stafford** for a great old wooden spoon for the museum kitchen.

♥ Various old cookbooks (including two copies of "Charting Your Courses") were donated by **Mena O'Connor**, **Winkle Kelley** and **Sheila & Lou Burns**. THANKS!

♥ **Louise Sherman** for a 1962 photo of the Point Association Clambake at Rose Island.

♥ **Tom Lahey** for taking the time to sort out and inventory over 600 old charts - what a job!

♥ **Tom Tello**, for a paper cutter and manual pencil sharpener we asked for.

♥ **Candace Clifford** for a replacement copy of the 1994 Inventory of Historic Light Stations, plus a signed copy of her book "Women who Kept the Lights" and thanks also to **Sally Blackett** for a copy. Now we have one for the keepers and one for the museum.

♥ **Steve** at the Newport Dive Shop for quickly taking care of an emergency that developed when Light-A-Rose backed over her anchor line. Cold water, warm heart!

♥ **T.J. Brown Landscaping** for a winter's worth of firewood, and to **Newport Fireman Bob Finn** for trucking it to the boat.

♥ **Ron Ackman** of **Oldport Marine** for use of a transfer pump to deliver heating fuel to the Lighthouse.

♥ **Helen Wielkiewicz** for an old tulip / dogwood pattern metal bed - we've got the head and foot but need some side rails to make it work...anyone?

♥ **Ken Parker** for a manual pencil sharpener for the office.

♥ **Jim & Dotti Garman** for an old photo of Rose Island.

♥ **Jan Messek** of System One for computer advice time.

## CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? WE NEED...

**Mobile Lighthouse Keepers** - We'll train up to 12 reliable volunteers to go on the road with our trailered Lighthouse model. You will provide information about how it works and about our education programs. We need at least four people each day to work in shifts. We are already committed to attend the July and August summer festivals. Consider this as a first step in getting a paid position as a summer guide or office helper....



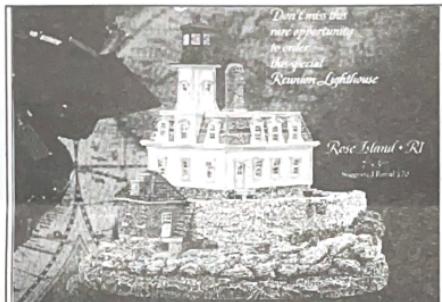
**Summer Guides** - We need four to five summer guides daily from July 15 through Labor Day and fall weekends to Columbus Day. \$6/hour, plus transportation. Call **Nick Logothets** at 846-1123 for more information.

# WEATHER CONTEST

As you know, the Lighthouse depends entirely on rain for its water supply and on the diligence of our keepers, overnight guests and visitors to conserve it. We think this spring's heavy rainfall means this summer will be very dry. If we're right, we have to start conserving water right now to make it last as long as possible through the summer. Last June saw only 1.47 inches of rain. July had 2.84 inches. What do you think this July's rainfall will be?

Send us your guess of how much rain is measured with the NOAA manual gauge between 8:00 AM July 1 and 8:00 AM July 31, 1998. Include your name, address, phone number and the amount of rain in inches and hundredths (example 1.47 inches). Entries must be postmarked by June 30. Winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting on August 7.

We will award one night at the Lighthouse for two people to the lucky (or smart) weatherguesser who comes closest to the total figure for the month of July. (Hint: try your local library, the National Weather Service, or surfing the Internet for precipitation data.)



## Order By June 15th

So many people have asked when a replica of the Rose Island Lighthouse would be available...here it is. Harbour Lights is extending its order deadline to June 15 for our members and friends. The cost to become a Collectors Society member is \$30 for one year, plus \$70 for the Rose Island Lighthouse which measures 7" x 5 1/2" pictured here. This is a limited edition. Only one per member. Truly a collector's piece! To order call 401-847-4242 as soon as possible.

# “More Than Gulls”

## Morning Bird Boat Tours- 8-9:00 AM

While we have "Alert" at our disposal, we're offering bird tours to Rose Island on nice mornings from 8:00-9:00 AM. ("Nice" is if we don't have small craft warnings. Light rain is fine, sometimes even better for seeing the birds. The boat has a canopy.) We'll stay on board off the east side of Rose Island and quietly watch the comings and goings of the birds. It's guaranteed that you'll see more than just gulls - there are Glossy Ibis, Great & Snowy Egrets, Oystercatchers, Cormorants, Terns and much, much more. Bring your own binoculars and your morning coffee and donuts if you want them.

Charge is \$10 per person. Boat departs Goat Island Marina at 8 AM sharp and returns at 9 AM sharp.

Sign up by calling Jennifer at 847-4242 by 1 PM the day before, or call Nick at home between 6:30-7:00 AM the morning of at 846-1123. We need at least 5 people to make it worthwhile. Jim Myers (author and recent retiree from DEM Fish & Wildlife) has promised to join us for a few visits.



## RIDE THE JAMESTOWN- NEWPORT FERRY TO ROSE ISLAND



Round trip fare is \$14 per adult, \$8 for children under 10 yrs. if you pay on the ferry. The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation will sell commuter tickets to its members and overnight guests for \$10 round trip, (children \$6) however, commuter tickets must be purchased in advance. Please call the Lighthouse office at 401-847-4242 for details. (See Schedule below.)

Leave Jamestown	(Request) Rose Isl.	Bowen's Wharf	Viking Dock Goat Isl.	(Request) Rose Isl.	Arrive Jamestown
				9:45 AM	
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	11:15 AM	11:30 AM	11:45 AM
12:00 Noon	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	1:00 PM	1:15 PM
1:30 PM	1:45 PM	2:00 PM	2:15 PM	2:30 PM	2:45 PM
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	3:30 PM	3:45 PM	4:00 PM*	4:15 PM
4:30 PM	4:45 PM*	5:00 PM	5:15 PM		

\*Last pick up at Rose Island. No drop offs allowed, except people staying overnight at the Lighthouse.

For more information: 423-9900-Jamestown Newport Ferry  
847-4242-Rose Island Lighthouse

**Starting July 16 to Labor Day**  
**Lighthouse Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM**  
**Daily then only on weekends to Columbus Day (includes beach and picnic grounds)**

*Landing fee \$1.00/person. Free to members. Riding the ferry is a great way to see what's going on in and around Jamestown, Fort Adams and Newport Harbor, too! So pack a picnic and ride the Jamestown-Newport Ferry!*

*Please call the Lighthouse office at 847-4242 to schedule group tours.*

## Elderhostel, From Page 1

We also owe a great deal of thanks to Linda Cooper of North Kingstown who initially proposed and organized the Elderhostel Service Project. Linda says that working vacations are popular with older, retired people who still have a lot of energy and want to spend it on a good cause. Because the Elderhostel projects benefit non-profit organizations, the participants can deduct all of their travel and other related expenses as charitable contributions. But that's not the only reason they have come to work on the Rose Island Lighthouse — who doesn't love a lighthouse?! Besides, this is a wonderful way to become part of its history. Of course, these folks have also become part of our "family" of wonderful keepers!



Shoveling the brown gold into burlap bags at Glen Farm are Fran Kinney, Dick Yeaw (gardening leader), Elmer the Energizer Bunny Geissler, and Marcia Gooldy.

*Back at the Lighthouse the garden is double dug with the "fortified material", and engineered with a perforated hose (photo right), then it is put under black plastic wraps to hold the moisture in the soil throughout the whole summer with minimal watering (photo below).*



Bravo to the Painters!!! Nora Martinez is shown painting the walls in the keeper's quarters upstairs, while Lydia Brownhill starts putting things back together again in the museum downstairs. You wouldn't believe how hard it was to deal with the smoke and soot (i.e., pollution) on the walls from candles, kerosene lamps and the wood burning stove! From now on, we're recommending people use the 15-watt compact fluorescent bulbs instead. The painters deserve an extra round of applause! The main rooms on each floor were completed this year. Next spring all the bedrooms and the halls will be on the project list.



"Spirit of Rose Island '98" - Just like the Lighthouse Service's tradition, our work project was to be inspected by personnel from Elderhostel headquarters to make sure we weren't abusing these kind hearted old folks too much—after all, this was our very first Elderhostel Service Program. Unlike the old Lighthouse days, however, these inspectors didn't have their own boat and Charlotte had to go into town to pick them up, giving our gardening crew all the advance notice they needed. As the unsuspecting authorities came up the path to the Lighthouse, Marcia Gooldy, Fran Kinney, Chuck Umpleby and Elly Dickinson surprised them with their faked injuries and dramatic moans, groans and complaints. What a laugh we all had!

Carpentry Projects came in indoor and outdoor categories. Inside, the lower service room railing was beautifully restored - spindles and all - by Jim Vetrano, who is a furniture maker from Richland, Washington. He was ably assisted by Merlin Perry from Lenoir, North Carolina. A smooth-working team from the start, Jim holds a chisel to the grinding wheel while Merlin turns it. Jim has some pretty ambitious ideas about returning to complete the entire railing that went up from the first floor museum. Don't worry, folks, we'll find another use for the USCG Lifesaving oar that has been our stair railing since we opened in 1992.



Left: This railing's not going anywhere! Jim used lag bolts and glue to secure the Newell post to the floor frames. Nora Martinez and Jane Smalley painstakingly stripped the post and have threatened to do nasty things to whoever paints it again... keepers beware!

Below: True to Rose Island Lighthouse standards, even the inspectors were put to work! Jen O'Connor-Parmlee, Laina Warsavage and Cynthia Giguere from Elderhostel headquarters got to help shingle the newly dubbed "Two Hole Classroom" building after the new windows and vent were installed.



As luck would have it, it had rained every day that week. The only day the sun came out was Thursday when we had planned our finale on the island. Everyone celebrated with songs, poems, presentations and a boiled live lobster dinner cooked by Cynthia Giguere (it was her first attempt and a good one). The week was summed up in a song to the tune of "Lida Rose" composed by crew members of the "S.S. Elderhostel '98".

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Light-A-Rose, my sweet Light-A-Rose  
You are the apple of my eye.  
When we dock at Rose Island  
I can almost hear them cry ( )  
Gardening, painting, drive a nail or two  
Framing, quilting  
We've got so much to do.  
Ding, ding dong  
We even had that fire alarm gong.

Light-A-Rose, thanks Light-A-Rose  
For hauling all those volunteers  
Moans & groans as they rub their bones  
Yes, they're getting on in years.

So here is my boat song  
Not fancy or fine  
Light-A-Rose, Oh, long may you shine!  
Light-A-Rose, Oh Light-A-Rose.





After the elders were done, it was the youngsters - Richmond Cub Pack 1 of Rhode Island - who came to the rescue for the final, massive clean up.

Twenty Cub Scouts ages 9-10, their leaders and their parents removed two overstuffed, huge boat loads of old, rusted equipment from the storage bunker. Added to that were piles, piles and more piles of Styrofoam logs from our old floats, plus a whole winter's worth of washed-up debris... (remember our New Year's Day clean up was cancelled because of the cold?). Everything was taken to the stone pier at King's Park and the City's solid waste trucks picked it up from there to be recycled. Thanks to Newport Recycling Coordinator **Maria Broadbent** for handling our late Earth Day clean up pick up.

Besides the City, we're grateful to other local supporters, including **Jim Zito** of **Sherwin Williams** who donated most of the paint, primer and supplies; **JT's Home and Builders Supply** which gave us an extra big break on the cost of two new windows installed to make the storage area into a classroom (so now it's called the two-hole classroom building); **Frank Nagle** of **Newport Hardware** for discounted supplies and friendly fix-it advice; **Dan Keating** of **Glen Farm** for the best composted horse manure around; and **Chuck Taylor** for the use of his truck to haul it. You're so trusting, Chuck!

We're also sending a big thank you to the **Navy Base** and **Billy Reagan** for giving us several used 10' x 40' floating docks that replace ours that were destroyed by two successive storms over the winter. Also to **Joe Davis** and **Nick Logothets** for all the work they have put in on them. These floats are sure to be around for a Loooooong time!

#### OPENING DAY '98

The newly spruced-up Lighthouse, two-hole classroom building and grounds will be open for public tours and picnics beginning on July 16 through Labor Day. Hours are from 10 am to 4 PM daily. Access is via the Jamestown-Newport Ferry... If you can't make opening day, why not plan on coming to our clambake on Saturday, July 18.



In April Keepers Carolyn and Tony Gerakopoulos summed up the feelings of many of our keepers who have been able to work hard at the chores and also relax.

"This has been the absolute BEST of our vacations. Not only have we relaxed, but we have learned a great deal.... To all of you who cared so much for this island and this wonderful lighthouse - THANK YOU! You are all a wonderful inspiration to those of us trying to achieve far more modest successes in the preservation world. Everyone involved in this project has made a difference in this world of ours and for many future generations! CONGRATULATIONS!"

Editor's Note: The 3,000 or so people who have worked on the lighthouse and supported our efforts since 1986 can take a bow....

## CALENDAR OF 1998 EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES NOW!

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

**15TH ANNUAL CLAMBAKE** at the Rose Island Lighthouse. Rain or shine. Take this opportunity to tour the Lighthouse and hear our plans for preserving the rest of the Island.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

**ANNUAL MEETING** and 5th Anniversary of Re-lighting the Light.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

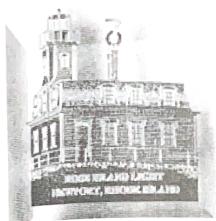
**FOURTH ANNUAL "WE ROWS FOR ROSE" REGATTA.** Paddle your boat to support Rose Island Lighthouse. Entry fee. This is also the final race in the Paddle the Bay series sponsored by Bank of Newport.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

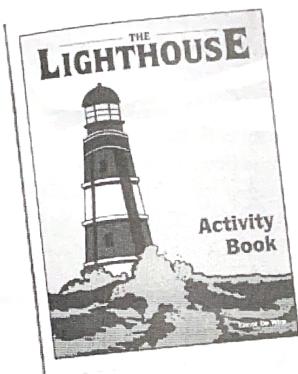
**COLUMBUS DAY HOME TOUR AND TEA PARTY.** Visit exclusive waterfront homes in Newport's Point and Ocean Drive areas, including the incredible Beacon Rock which overlooks Brenton Cove and Fort Adams.

Call 401-847-4242 for more information and for reservations.

# GIFT SHOP



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Counted X-Stitch (L-1)



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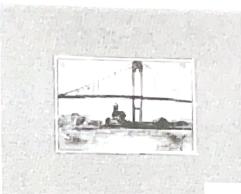


Rose Island Mug (K)



Magnet  
Bookmark  
(E)

Lighthouse  
Activity  
Book  
(F-2)



Susan Anderson  
Watercolor Print  
Note Card (M-3)



Lighthouse & Schooner  
by John Hagen  
Note Card (M)



Pen & Ink by John Hagen  
Note Card (M-1)



T-Shirts (C)

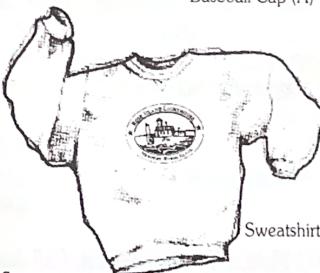


Baseball Cap (A)



Key Chain  
(H)

See reverse side for pricing



Sweatshirt (B)

# GIFT SHOP PRICE LIST

## SALES TAX INCLUDED

Members may deduct \$1 per item - Prices effective 4/1/98

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A. BASEBALL CAP	15.00	One size fits all.
B. SWEATSHIRT	30.00	Colors: red, blue, green/gray, tan/green
B-1	35.00	Medium, Large & X-Large XX Large
C. T-SHIRTS	14.00	Colors: navy blue or teal green
C-1	20.00	LH Logo - Short-sleeve* Colors: White, navy, & rose Long sleeve mock turtleneck T. Color: natural
	*ADD 2.00	for XX Large of either T shirt
D. AFGHANS	54.00	Harbor Lighthouses Afghan (Colors: Blue, Green or Rose)
E. BOOKMARKS	.50	Magnetic Lighthouse Bookmarks
F. BOOKS & VIDEO	25.00	New England - Photographic Tour, Highsmith
F-1	20.00	Video of a Lighthouse Visit (Crossed Paths)
F-2	14.00	Lighthouse Activity Book (DeWire) (Free to members)
G. DECAL or STICKER	1.00	Rose Island Lighthouse watercolor
H. KEY CHAIN	3.00	Great for the youngsters, but knot just for kids!
I. KNOT KITS	8.00	Rose Island Lighthouse watercolor
J. REFRIG. MAGNET	3.00	White with blue RILF Logo
K. MUG	6.00	Lighthouse Mottoes by Barbara French-
L. COUNTED X-STITCH	10.00	"Use it Up, Wear it out", "A Penny Saved," "A Stitch in Time"
L-1	20.00	Rose Island Lighthouse (Distinctive Designs)
M. NOTE CARDS	12.00	Lighthouse & Schooner, John Hagen (10/pkg, color)
M-1	8.00	Pen & Ink by John Hagen (10/pkg)
M-2	6.00	Lighthouse Logo (10/pkg, blue & white)
M-3	3.00	each - Watercolor prints by Susan Anderson
N. ORNAMENT	11.00	Rose Island, gold wash
O. PINS (STERLING)	40.00	Rose Island Lighthouse (J.H. Breakell)
P. POSTCARD	.50	by John Hopf
Q. TREASURE BOTTLES	3.00	Large (A few "golden periwinkles" are included to start your treasured shell collection)
Q-1	2.00	Small
R. WATERCOLOR LASER PRINTS	25.00	Queen Anne's Lace (by Marcelle Casavant)
R-1	25.00	Stormy Skies (by Art Nolan)

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER: Call Jennifer Taylor at (401) 847-4242 — Visa/MasterCard Accepted

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## Definition of Basic Membership Categories:

- \$10 Student - For persons under 18 years of age.
- \$15 Senior - For persons over 65 years of age.
- \$20 Individual - For one person.
- \$35 Family - For one or two adults and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18 living at home.
- \$50-1,000 and up - For businesses and super generous people of all ages.

Remember, your contribution in any membership category....

- Allows you free admission to the beautifully restored Rose Island Lighthouse
- Gets you advance notice of our special events
- Enables you to take discounts on most event tickets and merchandise (including our famous Clambake at the Lighthouse and Columbus Day tour of very exclusive waterfront homes)
- Keeps you informed of activities through our newsletter and notices
- Is fully tax-deductible in all categories.
- Gets you a membership renewal notice early next spring
- Makes you proud to be a member every time you cross the Newport Bridge and see that beautiful Rose Island Lighthouse down there!

# BOATS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

To accommodate our school tours this spring, we have chartered Oldport's launch "Alert," which holds 28 passengers. She's ours only until June 18 when schools are out for the summer. For the next month, we use Light-A-Rose (which carries only 6 passengers) while it is still bird nesting season. Then from July 16 for the rest of the summer to Labor Day, the Jamestown-Newport Ferry is available. It carries up to 23 passengers. (See schedule p 5.)

If you come out to the Lighthouse in your own boat, please observe these rules to protect the nesting birds, yourself and the privacy of the people who are staying there:

- \* Land only on the beach by the Lighthouse. Oystercatchers are nesting on the beaches near the old TNT pouring station by the old pier. Gulls are likely to attack you every place else.
- \* The Lighthouse is open to day visitors from 10AM to 4 PM only. We love our members, but the folks who have rented the Lighthouse for the night don't necessarily share those feelings! As much as possible please confine your visits to the hours of operation. Also, because we don't have outside lighting, visitors are not allowed after sunset - even if you are a member!

- \* Tie up briefly. Our boat "Light-A-Rose" docks on the west side of the float. The ferry docks on the east side. You may land and tie up only briefly, but keep an eye out. Better yet, drop off your passengers and anchor away from the float. If you call our office ahead of time, we can apprise you of activities we know are going on that day.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## — 1998-99 Membership Form —

Memberships run from July 1 to June 30 each year. If your name line doesn't say '99 on your mailing label, then it's time to renew. If you do it right now, you'll save us the expense of further notices. You can also use this form to sponsor children's field trips to the Lighthouse and to volunteer for the coming year. Please detach and mail the following form along with your payment to: "RILF" P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840-0997 Phone: 401-847-4242

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Write "Same" if mailing label is correct - and don't forget to write in your phone number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / P. O. Box

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES:

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Student         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Senior            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Inspector         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Business          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Assistant Keeper | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Associate Keeper |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Head Keeper  |   |   |

### ENCLOSED ARE:

- Annual dues in the category checked above \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Trip sponsorship of \_\_\_ students @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We want to volunteer in these areas: ✓ all that apply

- Mobile Keeper/Guide  Home Tour House Sitter
- Clambake server/helper  Boat Haul & Painting
- Computer data entry  Other \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT:  Check/Money Order  VISA  MasterCard Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Please detach and mail with your payment to: RILF, P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840 Phone: 401-847-4242

# Murder at the Lighthouse?

We found the following note left by a "guest" in the typewriter at the Lighthouse.

Who (or what) could have written this note?? Besides the note in the typewriter, the only clue we found was a solitary lobster claw, still holding tight to the space bar of the typewriter....



*Come to the  
Lighthouse  
Clambake  
July 18*

I just have a few seconds to write this, they are all down at the dock....

I want someone to know that I think that my friends (so called) are trying to kill me. There have been some rather strange coincidences which I will explain later. First, if this page is still in the machine, it means that I am no longer alive. My hope is that someone will find this and notify the proper authorities.

My predicament started over who was supposed to get the biggest lobster at dinner the other night. We had brought them over from the mainland when we came here. They were for dinner.

I have to cut this short...here they come. Please help! They are melting butter upstairs again, I don't think I can hold off for long

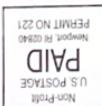
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Or Current Resident



MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL TIME!  
(See reverse)

